need to bring down entertainment tax levels to 25-30%. This meeting was also attended by a senior Minister of Government of Uttar Pradesh.

TV transmitter at Basot in Uttaranchal

1503. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the TV transmitter at Basot (Bhikyasain) in Uttaranchal is not working for the last six months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to ensure that the same start working; and

(d) by when, the said transmitter would start working?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Draft uplinking policy for TV channels

1504. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have worked out a draft uplinking policy for TV channels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the DD channels are proposed to be allowed to telecast sports events of national interest on its network even if private channels have successfully bid for telecast rights; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government have constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) to examine the proposal for Review of the existing Uplinking Policy and finalise its recommendations.